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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1956:—

Bill No. XIX of 1956

A Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1956. Short title and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

2. After section 295A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 295B in Act 45 of 1860.

“295B. Whoever, by words either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or by signs, or gestures, insults, or slights, or attempts to insult or slight the founder or any esteemed leader, living or dead, of any religion and thereby wounds the feelings of the followers of such religion, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both”.

3. In sub-section (1) of section 99A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898,—

Amendment of section 99A, Act 5 of 1898.

(i) after the words “religious beliefs of that class” the words “or any matter which has the effect of insulting or

slighting the founder or any esteemed leader of any religion" shall be inserted;

(ii) after the words, figures and letter "or section 295A" the words, figures and letter "or section 295B" shall be inserted.

Amendment
of Schedule
II, Act 5
of 1898.

4. In Schedule II to the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, after the entries against, section 295A, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
295B.	"Insulting or slighting the founder or esteemed leader of any religion.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Certain protests and demonstrations took place in the country recently against certain alleged insults and abuses offered to particular religious leaders. Opinion had been expressed in certain quarters that there was no law to deal with such insults or abuses. This Bill is intended to make provision accordingly.

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Secretary.